

RIVERS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2004
NHDES, Concord, NH
Rooms 113/114

Members Present:

Ben Haubrich, Dept of Resources and Economic Development
Deborah Hinman, Conservation Commissions
James Jones, NH Fish & Game Commission
George Lagassa, Granite State Hydropower
Allan Palmer, Business and Industry Association
Jamie Robertson, Agricultural Interests
Michele Tremblay, Vice Chair, Conservation Interests

Members Absent:

Bob Beaurivage, Public Water Suppliers
Bill Ingham, Fish & Game Department
Ben Frost, Office of State Energy and Planning
Ken Kimball, Chair, Recreational Interests
Gail McWilliam, Department of Agriculture
Wesley Stinson, Historical & Archaeological Interests
Ted Sutton, Municipal Government

Others Present: None

DES Staff Present: Steve Couture, Rivers Coordinator, Watershed Mgmt Bureau
Marie LosKamp, Executive Secretary, Watershed Mgmt Bureau

Vice Chair, Michele Tremblay, opened the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

I. February Meeting Minutes

The following votes were made:

- ***A motion was made by Alan Palmer to go with a summary format for meeting minutes, seconded by Ben Haubrich. All in favor of accepting a new summary format for meeting minutes say aye, all opposed, approved by a quorum to change format of future meeting minutes to a summary format.***
- ***A motion was made by Alan Palmer and seconded by Ben Haubrich to accept the minutes of February 11, 2004. All in favor of accepting meeting minutes say aye, all opposed, minutes unanimously accepted.***

II. CORD Review - Steve

DES is proposing to dispose of some dam related property on the Newfound River via a lease to the Town of Bristol (Town). This lease will allow a multipurpose pedestrian bike path to be installed on this property. The draft MOA between DES and the Town outlines that standing wood or timber on the premises cannot be cut or used without written approval of the State. The layout looks good and increases access to the river. The Town is proposing a paved trail because they want a multiuse trail. The trail design also includes two culverts and two catch basins installed outside of the state owned property. Steve Couture recommended approving the lease with the condition that any increased stormwater runoff be treated by infiltration.

- **Michele noted that as there is no quorum, no action can be taken by the RMAC. Let the minutes show that it has been reviewed by those present and Steve will write a paragraph explaining the project and the thoughts of DES on the Stormwater**

Management issues and put it out via e-mail to the committee and the committee will respond by letter to CORD. The timeframe to respond is April 30th. Steve will write it up on Monday and send it out via e-mail.

III. SB87 Update – Jamie Robertson

Jamie described the Study Commission's voting procedure and his voting record. The Study Commission voted not only on individual proposals but also on different features of proposals. Jamie ranked the RMAC proposal the highest, and other proposals that were similar except for the elimination of the grandfathered sites were next in his ranking. The consensus of the committee was almost automatic with the lowest scoring going to the last proposal received which was a compromise proposal put together by Michele Tremblay and New England Biosolids and Residuals Association. This proposal eliminated the site specific process. Jamie's feeling is that the SB87 Commission did what it was supposed to do, and they all came to an agreement better and quicker than the Chair thought they would.

IV. Meeting Date(s) and RMAC Projects

The group was in favor of meeting on a set quarterly schedule to increase attendance and awareness of the RMAC's activities, as well making room reservation easier. Michele suggested that we go ahead until the first quarter of next year and go ahead and schedule quarterly meetings.

➤ Next Meetings:

Friday, August 13, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, November 12, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

That will get the RMAC onto a regular quarterly basis. 1st quarter of next year go to quarterly meetings and schedule accordingly.

V. RMAC projects

General update on instream flow, a final list of consultants was selected as far as who was going to submit proposals to DES, proposals have been submitted, they are going to be reviewed by the Review Committee which has 2 members from the Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee, 2 members from the Technical Review Committee and 2 from DES which are Paul Currier and Harry Stewart. A contractor will be selected and hopefully they will be on board by the end of June so that they can start doing the protected instream flow study field work this summer.

DES is in the process of trying to receive the federal funding for the Lamprey. The federal funds are there and it is just a matter of getting them here to DES. The August meeting may work out well because it might be time to start forming those other committees.

Projects for the August meeting for the RMAC to consider:

- a. As a result of SB87, RSA 483 is likely to be amended in the next legislative session. Steve will propose some changes to RSA 483 to the RMAC for their consideration.
- b. Consideration of stream mitigation requirements via DES Wetland rules.

Nomination Rules are still in-house. Initial proposal for Dam Rules will be forthcoming.

VI. Motion to Adjourn

- #### **➤ A motion was made by Michele Tremblay to adjourn, no vote as meeting reconvened with a joint RMAC/LMAC meeting.**

Adjourned at 9:35 a.m.